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SUBJECT: CCD: WEEKLY REPORT FOR MARCH 20-24

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D) GENEVA 1944

1. SUMMARY: THE CCD HELD ONE PLENARY SESSION, MARCH 21.  
AMB WARNKE, DIRECTOR, US ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT  
AGENCY, MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT, IN PARTICULAR ON THE  
GENERAL STATUS OF ON-GOING BILATERAL AND TRILATERAL  
NEGOTIATIONS (TEXT CONTAINED REF A). JAPAN MADE A STATE-  
MENT SUPPORTING CONTINUATION OF THE WORK OF THE SEISMIC  
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EXPERTS GROUP FOR PURPOSES OF PLANNING AND EVENTUALLY  
EXECUTING AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE OF AN INTERNATIONAL  
SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM. THE GDR MADE A BRIEF  
STATEMENT SUPPORTING CCD NEGOTIATION OF THE SOVIET DRAFT  
CONVENTION ON "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS." THE USSR MADE  
AN EXTENSIVE STATEMENT REVIEWING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
COMMITTEE THIS SESSION AND REITERATING ITS POSITION ON THE

PRIORITY ISSUES UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE. MEXICO, ON BEHALF OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF FIFTEEN, INTRODUCED A WORKING PAPER ON ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES OF THE CCD (CCD/563). THE COMMITTEE FORMALLY DECIDED TO "TAKE NOTE" OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP. TWO MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT WERE HELD MARCH 20 AND 22 (REPORTED REFS B AND C). THERE WAS ONE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CCD, MARCH 21, TO DISCUSS GUIDANCE FOR THE SECRETARIAT'S PREPARATION OF A DRAFT SPECIAL REPORT TO THE SSOD. THE WESTERN GROUP MET ONCE, MARCH 20, TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF THE SPECIAL REPORT AND THE WORK OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT. END SUMMARY

2. THE CCD HELD ONE PLENARY MEETING, MARCH 21; NO PLENARY WAS HELD MARCH 23. AMB WARNKE, DIRECTOR, US ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY, ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE AND, INTER ALIA, MADE GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE STATUS OF THE SALT, COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB), AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW) NEGOTIATIONS (TEXT CONTAINED REF A).

3. AMB OGISO (JAPAN) MADE A STATEMENT SUPPORTING EXTENSION OF THE MANDATE FOR THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP FOR PURPOSES OF PLANNING AND EVENTUALLY EXECUTING AN EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE OF AN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM, AS RECOMMENDED IN THE FINAL REPORT OF THE AD HOC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPERTS GROUP. IN AN ATTEMPT TO TRAVERSE ANY OPPOSITION TO THE CONTINUED WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON THE GROUNDS THAT ANY EXERCISE OF THE SYSTEM SHOULD ONLY BE CARRIED OUT AFTER ENTRY INTO FORCE OF A CTBT, OGISO SUGGESTED THAT THE GROUP BE MANDATED INITIALLY TO ELABORATE THE SCIENTIFIC AND METHODOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF AN EXERCISE. ON THE BASIS OF THE RESULTS OF THAT WORK, THE CCD COULD THEN TAKE A DECISION REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE EXERCISE ITSELF.

4. AMB HERDER (GDR) MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT SUPPORTING CCD NEGOTIATION OF THE SOVIET-PROPOSED CONVENTION PROHIBITING "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS" (REF D). THE STATEMENT CONTAINED FAMILIAR SOVIET/EE ARGUMENTS, ALTHOUGH ITS TONE WAS RELATIVELY SUBDUED.

5. AMB LIKHATCHEV (USSR) MADE AN EXTENSIVE STATEMENT IN WHICH HE ESSENTIALLY REPEATED HIS JANUARY 31 OPENING REMARKS ON THE ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMITTEE AND ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO THE SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION ON "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS". REGARDING THE STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES OF THE CCD, LIKHATCHEV MAINTAINED THE SOVIET POSITION THAT

NO FURTHER REFORMS WERE NECESSARY AT THIS TIME.

6. AMB GARCIA-ROBLES (MEXICO), ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE  
NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF FIFTEEN, TABLED A WORKING PAPER  
(CCD/563) SUGGESTING ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL REFORM  
OF THE CCD ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A. THE EXISTING LINK BETWEEN THE UN AND THE CCD SHOULD  
BE STRENGTHENED;

B. THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP SYSTEM SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A  
SYSTEM TO BE AGREED UPON;

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C. THE CCD SHOULD ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE;

D. A STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, AS ENVISAGED  
IN CCD/530, SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED; AND

E. THE PLENARY MEETINGS OF THE CCD SHOULD BE OPENED

TO THE PUBLIC.

7. FOLLOWING A PROPOSAL FROM THE SWEDISH DELEGATION, THE COMMITTEE FORMALLY DECIDED TO "TAKE NOTE" OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE AD HOC GROUP OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS TO CONSIDER INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE MEASURES TO DETECT AND IDENTIFY SEISMIC EVENTS (CCD/558).

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8. THERE WERE TWO MEETINGS, MARCH 20 AND 22, OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS AND ELABORATE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT (REPORTS CONTAINED REFS B AND C).

9. THERE WAS ONE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CCD TO DISCUSS GUIDELINES FOR THE SECRETARIAT'S PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT SPECIAL REPORT OF THE CCD TO THE SSOD. DISCUSSION WAS EXTENSIVE BUT INCONCLUSIVE, AND DECISION ON SUCH GUIDELINES WAS DEFERRED UNTIL WEEK OF MARCH 27-31 TO ALLOW FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS AMONG DELEGATIONS.

10. THE WESTERN GROUP MET ONCE, MARCH 20, TO DISCUSS BRIEFLY GUIDELINES FOR THE SPECIAL REPORT AND THE STANCE TO BE TAKEN IN THE AD HOC GROUP ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT. ALL AGREED THAT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE SECRETARIAT TO BEGIN WORK ON THE SPECIAL REPORT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THAT A DEBATE ON THE ACTUAL CONTENT OF THE REPORT SHOULD BE AVOIDED AT THIS STAGE. REGARDING THE AD HOC GROUP ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT, IT WAS GENERALLY FELT THAT THE WESTERN GROUP SHOULD DISPLAY A CO-OPERATIVE, CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE, BUT SHOULD NOT ENDEAVOR TO PLAY ANY LEADING ROLE IN WHAT IS CONSIDERED PRIMARILY A NIGERIAN-SPONSORED, GROUP OF FIFTEEN ACTIVITY.  
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